

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1 and 5, drawn to a Fiber and Fabric; and

Group II, claims 2-4, drawn to a Method for Making a Fiber.

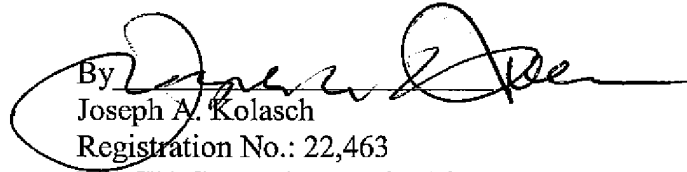
**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1 and 5. The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims 2-4.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration No 22,463 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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